In the Claims:

1.(Currently Amended) A cutting tool for belts, comprising:

a zigzag cutting structure having at least three cutting edges,

wherein the cutting edges are cross cutters and respectively two adjacent and

transverse cutting edges are joined at a common end.

2. (Original) The cutting tool according to claim 1, wherein the cutting structure

is formed by a plurality of cutting plates, each cutting edge being formed on a single

cutting plate.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Original) The cutting tool according to claim 1, wherein each cutting edge is

formed by an intersection of at least two asymmetrical cutting edge surfaces.

5. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool according to claim 4, wherein the cutting

edge surfaces formed at the a respective cutting edge disposed between an intersection of

at least two asymmetrical cutting edge surfaces are arranged symmetrical to one another.

6. (Original) The cutting tool according to claim 5, wherein the cutting edge

surfaces at the respective cutting edge are arranged axially symmetrical to one another.

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7. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool according to claim 1, wherein <u>one of</u> the cutting ~~edge~~ <u>edges</u> is arranged symmetrical to ~~the~~ <u>an</u> adjacent cutting edge.

8. (Original) The cutting tool according to claim 6, wherein the cutting edge is arranged mirror symmetrical to the adjacent cutting edge.

9. (Original) The cutting tool according to claim 2, wherein the cutting structure is formed by two types of cutting plates.

10. (Original) The cutting tool according to claim 2, wherein the cutting plate is arranged mirror symmetrical to the adjacent cutting plate.

11. (Withdrawn) The cutting tool according to claim 1, wherein the cutting edges are hardened.

12. (Withdrawn) The cutting tool according to claim 1, wherein the cutting structure is metal.

13. (Withdrawn) The cutting tool according to claim 10, wherein the metal is steel.

14. (Withdrawn) A method for cutting belts which comprises utilizing the cutting tool of claim 1.

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